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Fertilizers Research
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is considering to establish an autonomous body for fertilizers research in order to develop new fertilizers and nutrients for the agriculture sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details and proposed functions thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to collaborate with other countries
who are experts in the field of fertilizer researches and developments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS, SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH. L. MANDAVIYA)
(a): In order to promote research in the field of fertilizers, Indian Council for Fertilizers and Nutrient Research (ICFNR), an institution exclusively devoted to promotion of research in fertilizer sector under the Department of fertilizers has been set up on 16.09.2016 the ICFNR will have a Governing Council and an Executive Council. A copy of the O.M. dated 16.09.2016 is at Annexure.
(b): The terms of reference if ICFNR is as under:-

I. To undertake/ promote research in the area of fertilizer manufacturing technology, use of raw material and innovation in fertilizer products through partnership and collaboration with various research institutions, fertilizer industry and other stake holders.

II. To examine and comprehensive deliberate R&D project proposals submitted by various R&D organizations/ Academic institutions, for suitable recommendations for funding.

III. To play a supportive role for identifying and formulation long range technology plans and working out suitable mechanism for adoption of indigenous processes.

IV. To identify and promote eco-friendly micro-nutrients and pesticide coated slow release fertilizers and also to ensure reduction of Carbon footprint of Fertilizer sector and energy efficient operation.

V. To undertake and promote research in bio fertilizer and its derivatives with suitable coating or blending so as to protect and increase the soil fertility.

VI. To promote dissemination of information on latest developments in fertilizer sector and also to support new ideas and changes for effecting improvements in fertilizer industry.

VII. The centre will work in close collaboration with research institutions centres/ institutes and will also decide and disseminate the research work already undertaken by them.

VIII. To undertake all such activities which will promote the core idea of ICFNR.

(c) &(d): The executive committee will work out the detailed modalities to carry the work of ICFNR forward.

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